COVID-19
UPDATES & INFORMATION
6/25/20

Updates, Information & Resources

Mills Administration Dedicates Coronavirus Relief Funding for State and Local Match on FEMA Public Assistance
Click here to read the bulletin

Mills Administration Releases COVID-19 Prevention Checklists for Stage 3 Business Reopenings
Click here to read the bulletin

Senior Medicare Patrol Warns of COVID-19 Fraud
Click here to read more

CMS: FAQs About Visitation Considerations for Nursing Home Residents
Click here to read more

CMS: Preliminary Medicare COVID-19 Data Snapshot
Click here to read more

AARP: Coronavirus Tele-Town Halls (recorded versions)
LGBTQ Non-Discrimination Protections held 6/20/20
Strengthening Relationships Over Time held 6/18/20
Click here to read more
Maine Public: With COVID-19 Cases Rising, Some States Slow Their Reopening Plans
*Click here to read more*

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**Funding Opportunities**

**CARES ACT FUNDS MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE**
All of the Area Agencies on Aging are offering mini-grants to local community partners though the CARES act funding. Contact your AAA directly for more information. We will also be sharing more information as we receive notice from the AAA’s.

Here are some links to available mini-grants:

**Southern Maine Agency on Aging: York and Cumberland Counties**
*Click here for more information*

**SeniorsPlus: Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties**
*Click here for more information and click here for the application*

**Grant Application: 2020 Census COVID Contingency Fund**
COVID-19 has impacted Census Bureau operations, media coverage of the 2020 Census, and civil society’s efforts to get out the count. The Census COVID Contingency Fund is supporting local get out the count (GOTC) efforts reaching the hardest to count populations (those with a response rate under the national average) by providing contingency funding and digital training. For this first round of funding we have ten $2500 grants available to eligible applicants.
*Click here to read more and apply*

**DHHS/ACL: Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness & social isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation Challenge**
*Click here to read more*

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**Upcoming Learning Opportunities**

(TODAY) Introducing The Eden Lab - Trans Health & LGBT Aging
From the award-winning Embodied Labs immersive platform comes a new experience -- The Eden Lab: Trans Health & LGBT Aging. This lab will explore the unique challenges of identifying as an older adult from the LGBT community, with a special focus on trans health. Attendees will be able to get a sneak peek into scenes from within the VR headset, and hear from a panel of experts and practitioners from academia, healthcare, residential care communities, and more on why they think The Eden Lab is so important to use in training. We'll also discuss practical tips for how to incorporate immersive learning into your organization in individual, group, and distance learning modes.
After attending this webinar, attendees will be able to:

• Articulate some of the key ways that LGBT aging is unique
• Be familiar with the key learning objectives of The Eden Lab
• Identify three use cases (academic, community health, and residential community care) for utilizing The Eden Lab and other immersive content in training
• Understand how to design training with the stakeholders of the LGBT community

Speakers: Erin Washington, Co-Founder, Embodied Labs/Dr. Marilyn Gugliucci, Professor and Director of Geriatrics Research at the University of New England/Dr. Jaime Hannans, RN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing at California State University Channel Islands/Dr. Tonia Nguyen, OTD, OTR/L, Project Coordinator & Trainer, Front Porch Communities

Click here to register

(TODAY) UMaine Health Connection Chats
June 24th - Don't Let the Bugs "Bug" you
Presented by James Dill, Ph.D., Pest Management Specialist, University of Maine, Maine Food & Agriculture Center

*For call-in information or Zoom connection link, please contact Kelley Morris at kelley.morris@maine.edu or 207.262.7925*

July 1st - Staying Healthy in the Age of COVID-19
Presented by Patricia Hamilton, APRN, Public Health Director, City of Bangor

Click here to learn more about past chats & find out about upcoming chats

(TODAY) [ASA: Future Proof] When America Catches a Cold, Black America Gets Pneumonia: NCBA Responds to COVID
June 25, 1:00 PM (PDT)
Karyne Jones, President and CEO of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging will share how COVID-19 has impacted her organization, with a focus on affected African American elders and the services NCBA provides for them. She will address societal issues, including social determinants, chronic disease and access to healthcare, that continue to plague the African American community and how they are reflected in the imbalance in virus cases. She will describe the changes they had to make, including the way they communicate, and highlight lessons learned.

Click here to register

Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions
Webinar on Friday, June 26 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET.
ACL presents a webinar highlighting how technology can be leveraged to increase social engagement, including specific hardware and software options. Presenters will also identify resources for acquiring and distributing technology, as well as mechanisms for training older adults and adults with disabilities to use technology solutions designed to mitigate social isolation.

Click here to register

Meals on Wheels America to host National Social Isolation Virtual Summit Presented by the Caesars Foundation
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 | 1:30PM EST
The National Social Isolation Virtual Summit will focus on critical issues affecting older Americans, including social isolation, hunger and loneliness, and finding cross-sector solutions that provide enhanced quality of life.

Click here to read more and register

(NEW) Successfully Engaging Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities via Technology
Webinar on Thursday, July 9 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET.
Across the country, community-based organizations are responding to the needs of older adults and adults with disabilities by expanding options for virtual programming and service delivery. Virtual offerings can promote service continuity in lieu of in-person interactions, as well as foster social connectedness.

Join ACL and other national stakeholders for a webinar highlighting programs, best practices, and tips for creating communities of learning and engagement via technology. Presenters will address marketing/outreach, barriers to virtual participation, strategies for holding interactive and inclusive conversations, and more.

This webinar will be recorded and posted on [ACL’s COVID-19 webpage](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

Presenters: Ryan Elza, AARP Foundation; Stephen Ewell, Consumer Technology Association (CTA) Foundation; Thomas Kamber, Older Adults Technology Services (OATS); Susan Stiles, National Council on Aging

[Register for the webinar](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

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**Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series**

July 22nd 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Adult Day Center Check In Call

[Click here to learn more & register](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

**Alzheimer's Association: COVID-19 Caring Conversations**

COVID-19 Caring Conversations (for people with memory loss and their caregivers)

COVID-19 Caring Conversations For Professionals

[Click here for more information and to register](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

**Free Training for Direct Care Workers on PPE**

This grant funded PPE training module was developed specifically for direct care workers. Find the Direct Care training in the yellow box at the link below.

[Click here to read more](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

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**Local Community Volunteer Efforts**

**Check out this initiative!**

**South Portland Nursing Home hosts parade**

As a way to show appreciation for staff, the South Portland Nursing Home held a small parade with residents participating on June 15.

[Click here to read more](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).

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Maine Council on Aging is working to share any community efforts & available resources across Maine and have started sharing on our website for easy reference. Check out the link below & share within your networks to ensure that service providers of all kinds can more easily find the services older people need during this crisis. This page is updated daily as we hear from more communities - please check back often!

[**MCOA Local Community Volunteer Efforts Listing**](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus)

Are you a part of a local volunteer effort in your community and do not see it listed at the webpage above? [Please let us know about it by completing the brief survey here](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus).
In Case You Missed It

**LeadingAge: New HUD Report: Increase of Older Adult Housing Needs**  
[Click here to read more]

**LeadingAge: Responding to Negative Views on Aging Services During the Pandemic**  
[Click here to read more]

**Meals on Wheels Need You!**  
We heard this morning on our member and partner call that so many of the new volunteers who stepped up during over the last few months to deliver meals have gone back to work. So, all of Maine’s area agencies on aging need your help! *Please get the word out that we need volunteers to deliver meals to older people who cannot prepare meals for themselves.* We can connect you with your local agency if you’re not sure who to call. Thank you!

**Looking for more resources and information?**  
Click the button below to access more information and resources from MCOA and past daily email updates.

**CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

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